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HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS:

--U.S. COVERAGE RELATIVELY LIGHT, ON BALANCE NEGATIVE.

--SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH S. AFRICAN PM
VORSTER AND SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S TRIP
TO SOUTHERN AFRICA PROVIDE MATERIAL FOR CONTINUING NEGATIVE
COVERAGE OF U.S. SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICY IN WEEKEND PRESS.
PRAVDA SEPT. 13 TASS WASHINGTON COVERAGE CITES PRESIDENT
ON "TREMENDOUS RISK" INVOLVED AND SARCASTICALLY COMMENTS
ON U.S. PREENING ITSELF (KICHIT'SYA) ON ITS "CONCERN" FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE DOING NOTHING TO STOP BLOODSHED IN
SOUTH AFRICA. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY UNUSUAL "INFORMATION"
PIECE ON U.S. CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. SEPT 12
PRAVDA "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN HITS HARD AT U.S. POLICY
TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AND MAKES IMPLICIT LINK WITH
WASHINGTON'S INTEREST IN "SOUTHERN BELT" MILITARY BLOC
INCLUDING S. AFRICA, BRAZIL, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY AND CHILE;
MEETING OF AFRICAN PRESIDENTS AT DAR ES SALAAM IS NOTED
WITHOUT COMMENT. NOVOYE VREME HAS SHORT, CRITICAL ARTICLE
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ON "WASHINGTON'S AFRICAN GAME" BY YU. TYUN'KOV WHICH SUMS
UP U.S. POLICY IN PROVERB "TO KEEP ONE'S INNOCENCE WHILE
PILING UP CAPITAL."

--SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF OVERTHROW OF FORMER
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDES OCCASION FOR SEVERAL
CAUTIOUSLY LAUDATORY ARTICLES ON PMAC'S EFFORT TO TRANSFORM
ETHIOPEAN SOCIETY. AMONG ARTICLES ARE SEPT. 12

PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY V. KOROVIKOV AND NOVOYE VREMENYA PIECE BY B. PILYATSKIN.

--SEPT. 11 PRAVDA HAS LENGTHY ARTICLE BY E. KAPSKIY ON CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION OF ANGOLA. STRESS IS ON COMMITMENT TO "SOCIALIST" SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND TIES WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. KAPSKIY TAKES A FEW DIGS AT U.S., PARTICULARLY, OVER QUESTION OF UN MEMBERSHIP FOR ANGOLA, BUT ALSO DESCRIBES GULF OIL PAYMENT OF 51 PERCENT OF RECEIPTS TO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT.

--SOVIET COVERAGE OF MAO'S DEATH INCLUDED SHORT, STRAIGHT-FORWARD TASS REPORTS FROM PEKING ON THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. ANTI-PEKING PROPAGANDA HAS CEASED, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT (SEPTEL).

--SIZVESTIYA (SEPT. 11) CARRIES THE TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOVIET ROCKET TESTS IN THE BARRENTS SEA BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16 AND 30.

--SEPT. 12 PRAVDA "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN BY M. PODKLYUCHNIKOV TAKES HEFTY SWIPE AT STRAUSS-LED EFFORT TO OPPOSE RULING GERMAN COALITION IN MANNER WHICH CASTS DOUBT ON FRG AGREEMENTS WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AND WHICH ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT RESULTS OF CSCE; COALITION PARTIES, BY CONTRAST, HAVE A "GENERALLY REALISTIC POINT OF VIEW" DESPITE OCCASIONAL CONCESSIONS TO CDU/CSU IN INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN POLICY AREAS, AND "MAJOR LEADERS" OF GOVERNMENT CAMP ARE "SPEAKING OUT" FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN RELATIONS WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES.

--PRAVDA "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" ALSO STRONGLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRITICIZES VARIOUS NATO FALL MILITARY MANEUVERS AND JUXTAPOSES THEM WITH DEFENSIVE MANEUVER OF WARSAW PACT--"SHIELD-76". SEPT. 13 PRAVDA MENTIONS MARSHALL USTINOV'S ATTENDANCE AT "SHIELD-76" MANEUVER IN POLAND, AND EVENING TV NEWS (SEPT. 12) SHOWED USTINOV AND OTHER WP MILITARY LEADERS, TOGETHER WITH WESTERN OBSERVERS. SEPT 12 KZ "INTERNATIONAL MILITARY-POLITICAL REVIEW" ALSO CIRITICIZES THREATENING NATURE OF NATO MANEUVERS AND STATES THAT POLITICAL AND MILITARY NATO LEADERSHIP DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE SERIOUSLY AGREEMENTS ACHIEVED AT HELSINKI.

--WEEKEND CENTRAL PRESS CONTAINS RELATIVELY MODERATE COVERAGE OF LEBANESE SITUATION. GIST IS THAT CURRENT ROUND OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS BY PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS MAY PROVIDE BASIS FOR CEASEFIRE AND BEGINNING STEPS TOWARD PEACEFUL

SOLUTION OF LEBANESE CRISIS. PRAVDA SEPT. 11 CITES STATEMENT BY PDFLP LEADER HAWATIMAH IN "AS-SAFIR" (PHONETIC) THAT PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IS READY TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH SARKIS, AND TO CARRY OUT ALL AGREEMENTS DETERMINING LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS. PRAVDA SEPT. 12 REPORTS INTERVIEW BETWEEN ITS CAIRO CORRESPONDENT, A. VASIL'EV, AND PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, FARUQ AL QUADDUMI, IN WHICH LATTER SHARPLY CRITICIZES ISRAEL, U.S., AND SYRIA AND PRAISES SOVIET ROLE AND SUPPORT OF PLO.

--SEPT 12 PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY SHORT, FACTUAL ARTICLES ON SIGNING OF EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE MILITARY COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

--THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE REGIME IN CHILE IS MARKED BY SPATE OF ARTICLES ON CHILE IN WEEKEND PRESS.

--SEPT. 11 KZ MENTIONS ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY, SEPT. 10, OF SOVIET MILITARY DELEGATION LED BY FIRST DEPUTY COMMANDER OF SOVIET AIR FORCE, AIR MARSHALL A.N. YEFIMOV.

--IZVESTIYA (SEPT 11) CARRIES A COMMENTARY ON THE "DIFFICULT DAYS OF THAILAND". THE ARTICLE, BY V. TARASOV, DESCRIBES THE RECENT OUTCRY OVER PRAPHAT'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRET RETURN TO THE COUNTRY AND RUMORS THAT THANON ALSO PLANS TO RETURN, AND GOES ON TO DENOUNCE THE EFFORTS BY "INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REACTION"--INCLUDING THE CIA AND THE PENTAGON--TO THWART THAILAND'S MOVES TOWARD GREATER INDEPENDENCE.

--THE MEDIA CONTINUES SILENT ON THE SOVIET DEFECTOR AND HIS MIG-25, BUT NOVOYE VREMYA CARRIES A STRONG ARTICLE WARNING ABOUT THE REVIVAL OF JAPANESE MILITARY AND TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A MEETING IN HAKKAIDO ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES. PRAVDA (SEPT. 13) CARRIES A COMMENTARY BY V. KALININ ON THE "ICEBURG OF CORRUPTION" IN JAPAN.

2. U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT IN VOLUME, AND GENERALLY NEGATIVE IN TONE.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA (SEPT. 11) REPORT GROMYKO'S MEETING AND FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL ON SEPTEMBER 10.

--ON THE U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PRAVDA'S

INTERNATIONAL WEEK COMMENTARY (SEPT. 12) SAYS THAT THE
TWO CANDIDATES HAVE BEGUN THEIR FORMAL CAMPAIGNING AND
CITES THE U.S. PRESS ON THE VOTER'S APATHY AND DISSATISFACTION
WITH THEIR POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND DEVOTES UNUSUAL ODD
PARAGRAPH TO ALLEGED SURGE IN SUPPORT FOR THE CPUSA.

-SEPT 12 KZ HAS SHORT TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE
ON U.S. DEFENSE BUDGET AND EVEN SHORTER ONE ON U.S.
ARMS SALES TO TUNISIA, SPAIN AND KUWAIT. SEPT. 11 KZ
CARRIES LONGER PIECE BY TASS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT V. GAN
ON U.S. ARMS SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN.

--SEPT 11 IZVESTIYA HAS INCREDIBLY LONG, DETAILED
ARTICLE BY M. STURUA ON U.S. MERCENARIES.
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